

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## Come to the Bargain Store

It is easier to save a dollar than it is to make a dime if you spend your money with us. :- :- :- :- :-

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### Farm Loan Association Formed at Walnut Creek

The Walnut Creek Farm Loan Association, set on foot temporarily January 8, was permanently organized on the night of the 20th. A president, two vice presidents, a board of directors of seven members, and a loan committee of three, was elected. Under our articles of organization we can take loans to the amount of \$200,000.00. When ninety per cent of our present lending capacity is subscribed, our board of directors

has the power to extend the authorized capital stock to any amount conditions may seem to warrant. As there is no limit to the capital stock we may subscribe, we are always ready for new members. Our next meeting will be on the night of January 27, at the home of O. A. Pyle. X

John Tyer of near Percilla was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Saturday and renewed his subscription.

Work on the Palestine road was begun Wednesday morning. This road will be put in first class shape to the county line.

## Spring on the Farms Calls For REPAIRS

Doubtless many Tools and pieces of Machinery were put away last fall needing repairs

Now is the time to have them made. A day's delay later on may mean much delay and vexation to you.

Bring them all to us. Have them thoroughly overhauled and put in good working order before the spring rush opens. You'll have no time then.

We repair anything from a chain link to a tractor.

### TEMPERED SHOVEL PLOWS ARE BETTER and LAST LONGER

I have a large stock and guarantee them to give good service. I also have in stock the old fashion GUICE HARROWS.

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**A. B. GUICE**  
THE BLACKSMITH

### Daly's Correspondent Sends in a Newsy Letter

Daly's, January 22.—Health of the community is very good except a few bad colds, and every body is anxious to see some pretty weather so they can go to farming and gardening.

Dr. Hill and family have moved to Grapeland. We regret very much to lose this good family. Seems like we are broken up without a good doctor.

Edgar Laseter has returned home from Grapeland where he has been working for some time.

Hill Huff went to Crockett last Saturday.

Luther Warner visited here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Pendergrass visited her daughter, Mrs. Woodie Spence, at Hays Spring, Saturday and Sunday.

Some of the Daly's boys attended the party at Woodie Spence's Saturday night.

Claude Lakey visited at Hays Spring Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Herod is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Story, at Hays Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pennington spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pennington.

Miss Fannie Pridgen is visiting relatives at Elkhart.

Reporter.

### COMING AGAIN

No doubt our many patrons and the general public will be glad to learn that Dr. Shelfer will be with us again Feb. 8th. Many good people of Grapeland, this county and east Texas are using glasses fitted by Dr. Shelfer with best results. Remember, Dr. Shelfer has no "partners" at all and does business through responsible druggists only. With us one day only this trip, Thursday, Feb. 8th. Come to see us and have your eyes accurately fitted.

D. N. Leaverton,  
The Druggist,  
Grapeland, Texas.

### SPRING DRESS GOODS

George E. Darsey has received his first big shipment of fancy dress goods for spring. This shipment includes fancy voiles, poplins, palm beach suitings, wool suitings and all kinds of silks. A more complete announcement will be made later as goods were received too late Wednesday to get a fuller account in this week's Messenger.

### AUGUSTA FRIDAY NIGHT

The Grapeland Music Club will give a minstrel at the school auditorium in Augusta Friday night, Jan. 26. Funny jokes, singing and dancing. Don't miss it. Admission 15 and 25c.

### MAIZE HEADS

Have a few tons of maize heads on hand. Those wanting it had better see me right away. Am also in the market for some speckle peas. J. W. Howard.

## Notice to the Public

I wish to announce to my many customers and the general public that I have purchased the interest of my partner, Mr. Harry Long, and am now the sole proprietor of the Cash Grocery Store.

The policy of this store and the goods carried is well known—

**Prompt Service**  
**Quick Deliveries**  
**Goods of Known Quality**  
**Fair Prices**

It shall be my constant aim to live up to and improve these high standards of honest merchandising, and I earnestly solicit your continued good will and patronage.

**N. J. DAVIS**

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We ask the co-operation of every farmer in this section in building up an efficient market for every dollar's worth of their

### Country Produce

Bring it all to us--ALL of every description. The larger volume we handle the better prices we can make you.

With your co-operation and help we can create for you the very best market obtainable at your very doors.

Your hearty co-operation will turn the trick. Have a keen eye to your own interests.

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THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE  
FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES

To leave the Store without calling for "GREEN" Coupons is like leaving your Change on the Counter.

### FOR SALE

One 7 passenger Studebaker car, in first class condition, for sale at a bargain for cash if sold at once. Or will sell for part cash and part on time. See R. T. Kent, or phone No 5, Farmer's Union, Grapeland, Texas.

### STRAYED...REWARD

Poland China sow, marked split in left ear, white face, 2 or 3 white feet, weighs about 250 lbs. \$2.50 reward.

Alvin Oliver.

### FOR SALE

I am going out of the saw mill business and have for sale seven or eight tenant houses, which I will sell cheap. You can use the lumber for many things. My mill and all machinery is also for sale. See me for prices if you are interested.

Geo. Shaver.

Paul E. Weisinger and Miss Annie Ingram were recently married at the home of Esq. Jno. A. Davis in this city, who performed the ceremony.

# PUBLIC ROADS

## KEEPING UP COUNTRY ROADS

Road Drag, Applied at Right Time and in Proper Manner Will Do the Trick Every Time.

That country roads can be kept during most of the year equal to or better than piked or macadam roads has been proved time and again. The road drag applied at the right time and in the right way will do the trick every time. Of course, the road must be properly drained and rounded up first. But demonstrations all over the country have shown that in most instances this can be done at a comparatively small cost.

The great need today is for the farmer to realize the value of good roads. The cost of poor roads to the farmer in dollars and cents has been figured out. Every rut and mud hole uses so much strength of the team and wears out the wagon so much sooner than if the road was good. The size of the load is limited by the piece of bad road or the hill which uses the strength of the team to the limit. A ten-mile haul may be limited by an eighth of a mile of bad road. A two-ton load may have to be reduced to one ton because of a single hill.

## HIGH TEST OF CIVILIZATION

Man Is Road Maker and Progressiveness of Community May Be Gauged by Its Highways.

A man driving in the country came to a stone which had rolled into the road. He could have gone around the stone, but, instead of doing that, he stopped and got out and rolled the stone away; not for his own sake, for he never expected to pass along that road again, but for the sake of others who would come after him.

"That man," says the Farm and Fireside, which told the story, "responded to a high, very high test of civilization. He felt socially." Savages do not make roads; their paths follow the lines of least resistance and go around obstructions. Civilized man is a road maker, and the progressiveness of a community may be gauged by its roads. The higher the state of civilization the better the roads.

A man may be judged, too, by his attitude toward roads.

## Good Roads Mean.

- Better farmers and greater farm efficiency.
- Larger production, cheaper distribution; hence cheaper commodities.
- Purer milk and fresher vegetables.
- More work accomplished and more time for pleasure.
- More tourists and more money spent at home.
- Less gasoline, less tire trouble, more comfort.
- Better rural schools, better school attendance.
- Better rural churches and better social conditions.
- More attractive rural homes, and more boys staying on the farm.
- Greater progress, better citizenship.
- Who can doubt the urgency of an improvement that will tend toward these conditions?—S. E. Bradt.

## ESTIMATE OF AVERAGE LOAD

In This Country It Is About 1,400 Pounds, While Over European Roads It Is 3,300 Pounds.

It is estimated that over our dirt roads, when level, the average load drawn by one horse is about 1,400 pounds and, when the roads are hilly, about 1,000 pounds. In France and Germany, with improved roads, the average load is about 3,300 pounds. Other estimates show that 5,000,000,000 tons of freight pass over the highways every year, with an average haul of less than ten miles. The average cost is 23 cents a ton a mile. On good roads the cost would not exceed eight cents a ton a mile.

The greater part of such freight consists of farm products and the unnecessary cost of transportation is not only lost to the farmer but added to the cost paid by the consumers.

# CAP and BELLS



## WOULD OPEN JEWELRY STORE

Household Freight-Payer Tells His Better Half of Fairy Tale Related by Grandmother.

The tea things had been cleared away and the household freight-payer was trying to read the evening paper while his better half busied herself with some fancy work, and at the same time endeavored to interest him in the neighborhood gossip.

"Cordelia," said he, glancing up from his paper, "did you ever hear the story of the precious gems?"

"Why, no," she replied. "What is it?"

"It's an old fairy legend that my grandmother told me when I was a boy," he continued, "about a woman from whose lips there fell either a diamond or a ruby every time she spoke a word."

"Well, go on," said his wife.

"That's all there is of it, Cordelia," he replied. "But I was just thinking if such things happened nowadays I'd open a wholesale jewelry store the first thing in the morning."

Then for thirteen consecutive seconds silence reigned supreme.

## No Wonder.

"Gadson tells me he never has any trouble with Mrs. Gadson when he gets home late."

"Lucky fellow! How does he manage?"

"He carries her a big bunch of flowers."

"Umph! I tried that once, but it didn't work."

"What was the matter?"

"I handed the flowers to my wife upside down and she noticed immediately that there was something wrong with me."

## Thoughtful and Kind.

"I hate to think of parting with my daughter," said Mr. Scadsworth.

"If there is one trait of mine that I feel proud of, it is my reluctance to cause other people unhappiness," replied the suitor.

"Er—yes?"

"And rather than separate you from your daughter, sir, we will gladly forego our plans for a little bungalow and make our home with you."

## PASSING IT UP.



"Mr. Huggins, you seem to be quite a favorite with the ladies at this hotel. If I give you free room and board will you agree to flirt with all the wall flowers?"

"Not me. I'm no lemon squeezer."

## Roads Are Not Fit.

The farmer is good enough and often rich enough to ride in an automobile whenever he wants to, but the roads are not fit to ride over much of the time.

## Cultivation of Beans.

Be sure not to cultivate beans when they are wet. Such is likely to spread blight and anthracnose.

## Good Road Is Cheapest.

A good country road costs less than doing without it.

# IN FORM OF LADDER

Ship Really Climbs on Its Passage Through Locks.

Economical Device Where Waterway Has to Be Cut Through High Country—Superiority Over Tide-Water System.

It is a fact that a ship really climbs a ladder.

Each step in the ladder is a small lock in which the ship can float. To begin the ascent a pair of gates at the bottom of the ladder is opened and the ship sails in. Then the lowest gates are shut and more water is allowed to go into this lock, or dock, where the ship is.

When the water in this lock is level with the water in the upper lock, another set of gates is opened and the ship sails into the second lock. The gates are then shut, and when the water has been allowed to flow into the second lock, in which the ship now is, other gates are opened. And so on the ship goes up the ladder.

If it were not for the system of locks, which may be really called ship-ladders, the canal would need to be cut very, very deep where it goes through high country, so that the surface of the water would be on the same level throughout the entire length of the canal. But with locks the cutting of a canal is much easier and cheaper.

It was for this reason that the Panama canal was designed and constructed as a lock canal, although many engineers favored the tide-water or non-lock as the better system. It is claimed that the slides which have already caused thousands of dollars in damage to the canal would have been far worse had the channel been cut to a depth which would have directly connected the two oceans.

## Phones Replace Waiters.

Telephones are being used in one of the restaurants at Plainfield, N. J., as substitutes for waitresses, says the Popular Mechanics. Instruments have been installed at each of the several tables and permit the guests to communicate their orders direct to the kitchen without suffering delay. The activities of the waitresses are confined solely to the serving of food. To simplify the system, each menu on the card is numbered so that a patron may render his order numerically. A switchboard operator makes a record of all orders and attends to the issuance of the checks. The guests are privileged to use the telephones for outside calls and likewise may receive incoming messages without leaving their respective tables.

## Warning to Motorists.

A fine of \$20 "for lying" and \$5 for speeding was assessed against Louis Greenspon of 5829 Westminister place, a merchant, by Police Judge Hogan, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

It was charged that Greenspon drove his machine at 25 miles an hour on Locust street, between Beaumont street and Twenty-first street. When he was arrested, Judge Hogan asked him if he had not been arrested before for speeding. Greenspon said he had not. Hogan had the record looked up, and it showed that Greenspon was fined \$5 on August 14 for speeding.

"Young man," Judge Hogan said, "I fine you \$20 for lying and \$5 for speeding."

## Dutch Barges on the Thames.

Belgian barges have appeared on the Thames and are probably fraternizing with those Dutch neighbors who are always to be found just below London bridge. For more than two centuries there have always been big, broad-sterned Dutch boats lying in the river, with a baggy-trousered Dutchman smoking on board quite calmly. It is the reminiscence of a Dutch conquest. Those boats have moored there, with their eels for London, ever since William III gave them the right of traffic. And if there wasn't a Dutch boat for a single second just below London bridge, the ancient rights would be lost. But you will always find the calm Dutchman smoking on his "pitch."—Dundee Advertiser.

## War Has Affected Argentina.

Sulphate of aluminum is needed by Argentina for clarifying its water supply. It was formerly imported from Germany, but is now difficult to obtain anywhere. American firms are quoting \$120 to \$185 a ton for it, and the estimated needs for 1917 for the country are placed at 8,000 tons. As the result of a protest to the government by the Argentine public health works, a plant to manufacture the compound from native kaolin has been authorized at a cost of \$188,000. It is estimated that aluminum sulphate can be manufactured under present conditions at \$26 a ton and at \$19 a ton less when sulphuric acid falls to normal.

# FOR KIDNEY AILMENTS

Pains in the Back or disturbances in the Urinary Organs, there is no remedy more powerful and effective than

# PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is an exceptionally fine restorative for ailing kidneys. Inflammation of the kidneys, Bright's Disease in the early stage, Diabetes, and all irregularities in the urinary organs yield to its great tonic and renovating influence. Weak, nervous people who suffer from pains in the back, too frequent calls to pass urine, torpid liver or constipated bowels, need this admirable cleansing stimulant because it contains the necessary medicinal properties for correcting these debilitating diseases.

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# HE HAD NOTHING TO WEAR!

So he missed an important engagement. He also missed a stroke of business. He had several fairly good suits but they all needed

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Don't be caught in that predicament When your clothes become soiled and wrinkled from wear BRING THEM TO US. We make them look like and prolong their usefulness.

# M. L. CLEWIS TAILOR

## Cashed at Face Value.

The chancellor of the exchequer of Great Britain reports the total amount of scrip vouchers sold to date to be \$25,000,000. This amount is not what was hoped for from the scrip vouchers. Now it is proposed to issue bonds in the multiples of £1. They will bear an interest of 5 per cent and can be cashed on demand at their face value at any time. In return for these facilities bonds will carry no interest for the first six months.

## New Plants in United States.

Since the United States department of agriculture established the section of seed and plant introduction in 1907 this has introduced into the United States almost 50,000 varieties of plants. In the year ending last June more than 2,000 were introduced and 171,831 experimental plants and 11,465 packets of seeds were given to experimenters, of each of which a record is kept.

## Country Growing Sufficient Rice.

The acreage of rice in Louisiana and Arkansas has increased approximately 700,000 acres in the last two years. The United States is now growing practically the equivalent of all the rice it uses.

## A Painful Memory.

"Mrs. Naggs summoned her late husband from the spirit world last night. Went to a spiritualistic medium, you know."

"What did she want to talk to him about?"

"She wanted to know if he still thought of her."

"She might have known that he does. No man can forget a woman like Mrs. Naggs in the short time Naggs has been dead."

## Hen Mother's Brood of Quails.

J. L. Knotts, who lives near Tipton, has a Plymouth Rock hen of such motherly instincts that she has adopted a family of quails when she has only one chick of her own.

The hen was sold to a huckster last February and when being taken to market escaped and took up her abode in a woods near the Knotts home. She was found again late in the spring, but was so wild she could not be caught.

Again in June Mr. Knotts was in the woods, and to his surprise found that the runaway had one chick and sixteen young quails. During the summer she cared for the brood and succeeded in raising everyone of them. Going to the woods at night a short time ago, Mr. Knotts succeeded in catching the hen and chick by throwing a blanket over them, but the quails escaped.

The chick is about two-thirds grown and is becoming domesticated. The quails are old and large enough to care for themselves and will live in the woods, but it will be some time before they will forget the cluck of their foster mother.—Indianapolis News.

## New Mass Formation.

An English officer, so a "war story" runs, went out marketing for his mess in a French town. He bought his poulets, his legumes and his poissons very cleverly, but spoiled his reputation for speaking like a native when at the end he remarked to the demoiselle behind the counter, "Vous savez, c'est pour la messe" (messe in French being the equivalent for mass in English).

The young woman's idea of what must go on at a "mass" in England, after this statement, would no doubt have astonished the officer.

# LUMBER IS CHEAP!

Consider these Facts:

**Last Year a Bale of Cotton  
Would Buy:**

30,000 Cypress Shingles; or  
2,000 Feet of Flooring, best  
Grade; or  
30 Gallons of Paint

**This Year It Will Buy:**

45,000 Cypress Shingles; or  
3,500 Feet of Flooring; or  
40 Gallons of Paint

**Come On! Climb Aboard the Prosperity Car  
and Stop Kicking about High Prices**

WE HAVE PLENTY BRICK, LIME AND CEMENT

**T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER CO.**  
EAST SIDE RAILROAD - - GRAPELAND, TEXAS

## .. Gentle Jabs ..

By Jno. R. Owens

Cold weather cracked a man's glass eye in Wisconsin the other day and now he is one-eyed.

Some folks are so close-fisted they wouldn't give away a nickel unless it was for a dime.

The door of peace may be standing ajar, but not quite enough for the dove to enter.

A young man on route two says every time he eats bologna sausage his dreams are confined to dogs.

A news item says eggs are selling in Germany for 20c each. Still we do not wish to be in Germany with a poultry farm.

The members of the Texas Legislature are again being tempted by the wiles and smiles of pretty suffragettes to "take the apple."

Sometimes newly married women refrain from returning to mother because they do not wish to discourage the beaux of their sisters.

The recent cold snap was very hard on people in north Texas cities. The gas gave out and the wood and coal ran low. It's a pity everybody can't live in East Texas.

Last week the ground was covered with ice and very slippery and new year resolutions and ice were broken simultaneously in many instances, when pedestrians' feet became unmanageable.

A one-legged hotel man in Washington will be host to fifty other one-legged men in June. If they drink nothing stronger than Hop Ale, we predict for this gathering a "pop-hoppy" time.

A woman in West Virginia died suddenly from seeing her brother for the first time in 36 year. More evidence that one's kinfolks are not the most valuable assets a person can have.

A bachelor modernist lately expressed his desire to see a law passed which would allow women to appear nude on the streets if they so desired. We guess his name to be Percy and his politics republican.

History will record Tom Lawson as "the man who let it leak out that there was a leak," if the leak investigation finds Lawson's charges true. From the language used by Malcolm McAdoo in denouncing Lawson's charges leads us to infer that if these gentlemen meet there will be another "leak" which will require the use of court plaster.

When the suffrage sentinels who are picketing the White House and pestering the President have to wear three extra u. s. in order to stand the cold weather, it is safe to bet they are in dead earnest about votes for women. It might be added that if the u. s. manufacturers of the U. S. announce a raise in the price of u. s., the suffs will raise the first howl and appeal to the U. S. to force the u. s. manufacturers to lower the price.

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

**CHAS. C. HILL**  
PHYSICIAN AND  
SURGEON

Office: Leaverton's Drug Store

## ARE YOU? GUILTY?

A FARMER, carrying an express package from a big mail-order house was accosted by a local dealer.

"Why didn't you buy that bill of goods from me? I could have saved you the express, and besides you would have been patronizing a home store, which helps pay the taxes and builds up this locality."

The farmer looked at the merchant a moment and then said:  
"Why don't you patronize your home paper and advertise? I read it and didn't know that you had the stuff I have here."

**MORAL—ADVERTISE**

## Force Railroads To Carry Out Charter Provisions

State Senator J. J. Strickland has introduced a bill in the Senate which provides that all rail roads chartered for a given point in Texas must carry out that provision of its charter and build at least twenty miles of road each year. The purpose of this measure is to compell the Cotton Belt to complete its road from Lufkin to Crockett and to have the B. & G. N. to build from Weldon to Waco. Representative Sallas has introduced the same bill in the house.

## BIRDS IN COMPACT

EAGLE AND FISH HAWK HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING.

Monarch of the Air Watches Nest of Business Partner While the Latter Catches Food for Both Their Needs.

Everybody who summers on the Jersey coast has seen the fish hawk at work, though of late years the number of such birds seems to be decreasing.

The negroes down in Charles county, Maryland, in that faraway region of Rock Point on the lower Potomac where the river broadens out like a sea and where the fish hawk is common, have a story about it and the eagle which is interesting. While the fish hawk, or osprey, dives into the water for its food, which consists of fish and eels, the eagle is a "land-lubber" and would starve if he had to undertake to make a livelihood by braving the watery depths.

The story, that has its place in the folklore of the "Black Belt" of Maryland, is that one day the eagle was very hungry and meeting the fish hawk as he was flying home with a fine fish in his claws, said:

"Mr. Fish Hawk, you and I might as well be friends and join together and work for our mutual advantage."

"I am willing," said the fish hawk, soaring along with the eagle by his side, but keeping a tighter grip on the fish.

"As you agree with me, I'll tell you what we can do," said the eagle. "If you will catch all the fish you can and give me half what you get I'll keep watch in the old pine tree next to your nest and protect your wife and children from the sparrow hawks and your other enemies while you are at work fishing."

"All right," said the fish hawk. "I will do it."

From that day on, the story goes, the fish hawk has fed the eagle. He does this in an odd and interesting manner. His eyes are very keen and he can see to a considerable depth in the water, and as he skims along over the surface of the deep he picks out the fat fish he wants. Quick as lightning he plunges down, extends his claws and in the next instant rises with the wriggling prey in his talons. After taking a firmer hold on his victim he ascends by a spiral flight into the heavens. The eagle has been watching from a tall tree or crag and, as the fish hawk rises the eagle also darts into the sky above him. This is notice for all the fish hawk's enemies among the feathered tribe to retreat.

Just as the fish hawk gets to a point on a plane that is level with that of the eagle he relaxes his grip on the fish and it begins to fall. It is then the eagle's time for quick action. Like a shot from a rapid-fire gun he dives and in a second or two has the fish in his claws.

This aerial "throw and catch" game between the two great birds goes on continually over the broad waters of the Potomac, much to the edification of the onlookers. Of course, there must be times when the eagle fails to catch the fish as he swoops down

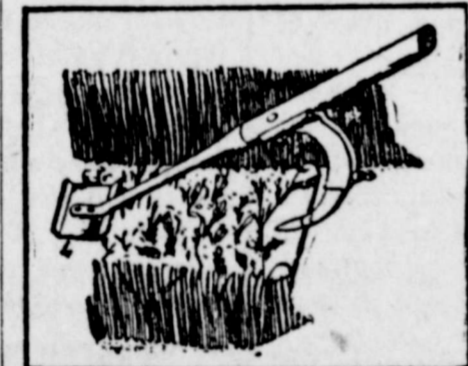
through the air after it, but it cannot be proved by anyone who has witnessed this particular aerial feat on the part of the "bird of freedom." Nobody seems to have ever seen the eagle miss, and nobody seems to have ever known the fish hawk fail to catch a fish when he dived for it.

As the fish hawk rises in the air oftentimes, especially on a sunny day, the sheen of the fish can be seen like a piece of silver in his claws, and sometimes the "silver" can be seen wriggling, impressing one strangely as their eyes witness this tragedy in the air in which the victim can have no hope of rescue.

## ADVANTAGE OF WEEDING HOE

Edges Are So Turned Up That Fallen Stalks Ride Over the Edges and Are Not Injured.

This hoe is designed particularly for weeding onions, but can, of course, be used for weeding of any kind. One advantage mentioned is that the edges



Weeding Hoe.

are turned up so that fallen stalks ride over the edges and are not cut. The angle of the hoe is adjusted by means of the set screw.—Wisconsin Agriculturist.

## SHEEP SENSITIVE TO DRAFTS

Animals Will Not Stand Dampness and Thorough Wetting Will Cause Diminution of Profits.

Avoid having the sheep caught in an early but cold fall rain. Sheep will stand any amount of dry cold, but they will not stand dampness. A thorough wetting will cause the flock to snuffle all winter, with a consequent diminution of profits. A fleece holds so much water and takes so long to dry, that the amount of heat lost by the animal during the process of drying will seriously affect its vitality.

It seems strange, too, but sheep are sensitive to drafts. They will thrive in intensely cold weather, with but a rude shelter. But if inclosed in a pen or stable through which the wind is able to seep, harm is sure to follow.

To keep the flock in the very best of condition they should have a supply of roots. Clover or alfalfa hay fed with some grain and turnips or mangels will bring them through the winter in a thrifty and profitable condition.

If your stomach is disordered, bowels irregular and you don't feel well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It is very effective in removing this condition. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

# SPECIAL NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS!

I will begin SHIPPING HOGS JANUARY 27, and will be shipping from then on every few days until the middle of April.

A few days prior to the shipment on the 27th I will be in the market for what hogs I can buy and will pay all the market will allow. The MARKET IS GOING UP and I think it will be better at that time. I am looking for the market to go some higher yet. If you have any SMALL HOGS to fatten for the market to be shipped in March or April I assure you there will be a market for them. I think the price will be fine through those months.

For any special information see me.

# GEORGE CALHOUN

**THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER**

A. H. LUKER, - - - Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

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6 MONTHS--- .50  
3 MONTHS--- .25

THURSDAY, JAN. 25, 1917

The withdrawal of our troops from Mexico may be termed the end of the great fizzle.

At the present price of eggs, a millionaire is described as a man who owns a half dozen eggs.

The food dealers should remember that the common people must keep alive or they can't buy goods.

Do you realize the European war is well on its third year? Yet you expected it to end the first year, didn't you?

Many a small town goes to the rocks because there are men in it who are so envious of the success of others that they would rather tear their competitors down than build themselves up.

Why can't the mothers' club broaden their scope of action and merge into a civic league or improvement committee for the town? It would be a fine thing for Grapeland, a very sensible thing, and a decidedly profitable one.

There has been a lot of squealing about the boys on the border. While they have endured some hardships, we don't believe they will talk about it as much as some of those who haven't been within a hundred miles of a uniform.

The East Texas Press Association was formed at Lufkin last Friday, with the following officers: G. E. Watford, Lufkin News, President; T. J. Molley, Timpson Times, Vice-President; W. L. West, Livingston Enterprise, Secretary-Treasurer. The next meeting will be held in Timpson some time in April.

The action of the United States Supreme Court in upholding the Web-Kenyon act, which enables a dry state to prohibit the shipment of alcoholic liquors into dry territory, will enable prohibition and acts restraining the use of liquor to become more forceful than ever before. The decision of the court was clear cut and gives the act complete range within its purpose. Making a state "bone-dry" is what the pros have long sought and it seems a complete victory has been won in this decision.

The death of Admiral Dewey, who for years has been the chief advisor of the naval policy of this country, will be a distinct loss to the nation, for he was a representative type of the most bold fighters in America.

His life on shore has probably been worth more to his country than his exploits in the wars of his country, but Americans remember him as the man who steamed into Manila harbor, took a sporting chance and blew up the Spanish fleet. His funeral was a worthy tribute to his life, and the way distinguished officers of this government paid tribute to him was an attestation of his worth. His life stands as the exemplification of a man who does things and our nation as well as its people, is a worshiper of that type of man, whether he be a sea fighter or civilian.

The story is going the rounds that a San Angelo man has lost 124 pole cats and he is anxious to get them back. If anyone knows anything about them, or happens to have them in their possession, they should return the property, or at least a part of it. There are none of them here.—Lufkin News.

The "pole cat editor" of the News should interview Mr. Sam Parker of Lufkin. He might be able to throw some light on the subject, as he at one time declared his intention of establishing a "pole cat farm."

**TO THE TAX PAYERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY**

The Tax Payers Protective Association has been organized and we appeal to all tax-payers of the county to join and cooperate with us in the attainment of the ends sought.

We hope to have the active support and sympathy of all citizens and all citizens are interested in the aims which we propose and the great end for which we are laboring.

An opportunity to become a member of the Tax-payers Protective Association will be given every citizen.

Blank subscription lists will be in the hands of canvassing agents who will enroll every citizen who desires to cooperate with us.

At the same time these agents will gladly receive and receipt for any sum anyone may feel able to contribute to meet whatever expense the association may incur in perfecting organization.

We beg to state that it will be necessary to have some means whereby we can meet all necessary expenses.

All money paid in to aid in the movement will be deposited in bank to the credit of The Tax-Payers Protective Association and will not be paid out except on order of the executive committee.

R. C. Spinks, Pres.  
W. B. Page, Ch'm.

**BIDS WANTED**

We will receive bids for the erection of a two-story frame building, as per plans and specifications in our hands, acting as a committee for Elberta Camp 2124, W. O. W., of Grapeland. No bids will be received after 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, February 12, 1917. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids. See us for further particulars.

C. L. Haltom,  
J. C. Kennedy,  
George Shaver,  
Committee.

U. M. Brock has purchased a new car—a 5-passenger Chevrolet.

G. W. Weisinger has purchased the Howard Guice engine and pea thresher and will thresh your peas if you see him.

# STYLES of the TIMES For the Man Who Cares

The men folks of Grapeland have good reasons for entering the new year with smiling faces and glad hearts for the simple reason that the very same lines carried in the big city stores are also shown here at DARSEY'S. The main reason we carry high class specialty lines is that they give better wear and more satisfaction for the money than any other, however low the price. Come in and see the many new styles. Everyone is "right up to snuff."

**FLORSHEIM SHOES**

The three cardinal virtues of a well-made shoe are—

**QUALITY**—in which the Florsheim Shoe will be found present.

**STYLE**—for which the Florsheim has always been noted.

**EASE and COMFORT**—which is assured in a degree never before attained. A shoe with the name "Florsheim" woven in the strap is a guarantee of the above qualifications. You will find them in all shapes, all leathers, all sizes and all widths at our store—the only place in Grapeland that has them.

**PRICE \$6 to \$8**

We have a big variety of men's work and dress shoes that will please you, priced up from three dollars.

**STYLEPLUS CLOTHES**

Of course we are again featuring the famous line of Style plus Clothes at the same old price of \$17. Some people may try to convince you that good clothes cannot be made for this popular price, but we are meeting all competition with our all pure wool guarantee. If you are in need of a good suit or overcoat it will pay you to investigate the wonderful values you will find here at \$10 to \$17. Why pay more?

**THIS IS THE ONLY STYLEPLUS STORE IN TOWN.**

Our line of Perfecto Shirts is complete in every detail and we have just received a big shipment of the newest styles. We are also featuring the newest ideas in Arrow Collars, neckwear, hosiery, etc.

**STETSON HATS**

We are just in receipt of a big shipment of Stetson Hats for Spring that are "right off the bat." These hats are made up in Belgian, Black and the leading novelty colors for the spring season. Every style is a good one. We are offering

**"THE TOWN TOPIC"**

Stetson's feature Hat, with four other good novelty styles. And then, too, we have all the popular staples—Congress, Columbia, Alike, Austral, High 5 and Knox. These hats are made to fit your face as well as your head. If you want the feeling of "I'm all here" you should "get under" one of these hats.

**PRICES \$4, \$5 and \$6**

We are sole distributors for Davis and Worth hats as well as others selling at \$1.75 to \$3.00

**THE ROYAL TAILORS**

The very fact that this store has successfully handled Royal Tailored to measure garments for the past seven years is proof of the qualities of the line. There a number marvelous values in the fall and winter sample book and the book for spring, which will be a revelation to the men of Grapeland. Keep this line in mind and when you get ready for your suit have your measure taken by a full-fledged

**"MASTER OF THE TAPE LINE"**

We Guarantee a Perfect Fit

Every Thread all Pure Wool

Satisfaction in Every Detail

**NOTICE**—A Royal Tailored Suit is made to 17 of your most particular measurements.

## YOUNG MEN!

If you are looking for snappy styles, you will find them at this store all the time. We are on the lookout for you for the best going styles and you can depend on the quality you will find here. There is no need to go away for classy wearing apparel. If we haven't what you want let us know and we'll take pleasure in getting it for you.

**Geo. E. Darsey**  
**SERVICE FIRST STORE**

**LOCAL NEWS**

Rub-my-tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.

Frank Taylor spent Monday in Houston on business matters.

Arthur Owens was here Sunday from Crockett.

If you are in doubt about where to buy your clothes, come to Clewis with your troubles.

W. P. Traylor returned Saturday night from a business trip to Houston and Galveston.

Kill your ants before they scatter. Bring your container to Smith's for carbon.

Miss Willie Bush of Palestine visited relatives here and at Percilla last week.

Carbon now in any quantity. Bring your container.

Smith's Drug Store.

Wade L. Smith has installed an up-to-date gasoline filling station at his drug store.

Miss Clara Gilmore has returned to her home in Columbus, Ga., after a visit here to her sister, Mrs. B. C. Ansley.

Dave Rice, Edgar Payne and Bob Chapman of Weches were in Grapeland last Friday transacting business.

**NOTICE**

To my Friends and Patrons: I have moved to Grapeland and you will find me at Leaverton's Drug Store.

Dr. Chas. C. Hill.

**NOTICE**

Received this week a new stock of peach and pear trees right from the Texas Nursery Co. See me and get what you need.

J. E. Hollingsworth.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
 Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY  
 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON,  
 Notary Public.  
 Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.  
 F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
 Sold by all druggists, 75c.  
 Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.

Carbon now in any quantity. Bring your containers. Smith's Drug Store.

Joe Caskey and family have moved to town and are occupying the Faris residence.

Kill your ants before they scatter. Bring your container to Smith's for carbon.

J. A. Frisby has purchased a 5-passenger Ford car, which he is expecting to be delivered as soon as the weather clears up.

Jim Smith and family, who have been living near Crockett for the past three or four years, have moved out east of town on the Frank Edge place.

Mrs. C. E. Dockery returned Saturday night to her home in Shreveport, La., after a visit here to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Spence.

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver to Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dr. Shaffer who comes to our store regularly and makes a specialty of fitting spectacles and eyeglasses will be with us again Feb. 8th. Remember, Dr. Shaffer has no "partners" at all and does business through responsible druggists only. With us one day only this trip, Thursday, Feb. 8th. Every pair of glasses guaranteed. Come in and have your eyes examined, always glad to see you.

D. N. Leaverton,  
 The Druggist,  
 Grapeland, Texas.

Earle Bros. of Palestine are preparing to open an up-to-date garage in Grapeland. They have leased the livery stable building on the east side and will convert it into a building suitable for the purpose.

**OUR HONOR ROLL**

The following have our thanks for their subscription:  
 Chas. Royall, Roy Brewton, Grapeland.  
 S. M. Yarbrough, Route 2.  
 J. E. Bean, W. R. Matthews, Mrs. T. B. Keen, Route 3.  
 B. R. Eaves, Route 4.  
 John Tyer, Percilla.  
 Bob Burden, Sasakwa, Ok.

**Local News Reported From Waneta Country**

Jan 22.—Owing to cold weather attendance of school was small last week.

Mr. Joe E. Edmondson left last Sunday for Austin, San Antonio, San Marcos and other places.

Mr. Jessie Rich and wife of below Crockett were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Ola Hendricks from Saturday until Thursday.

Mrs. William Moore and wife of this place were guests of relatives at Denson Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Several cases of measles at this place.

Grandmother Franks has been on the sick list for two weeks.

A few young people enjoyed a musical entertainment at Mr. Will Wilson's last Friday night. Bonnie.

I am in the market for your chickens and eggs. Best and highest prices paid in CASH.

J. J. Brooks.

**Strickland Offers Bill in Senate to Fight Malaria**

Mr. Strickland has offered a bill in the senate to appropriate \$25,000 for the rest of this fiscal year and \$45,000 for the next fiscal year "to defray the expenses of the state health officers in rural health work." It seems that the particular purpose is to make war on malaria in eighty-three counties, mostly in Southeast Texas, where it is prevalent to a degree that makes it a blight. By making this appropriation the state can obtain an equal amount from the international health board, and, since it is to be a condition of the appropriation that every county accepting the service shall supply one dollar for every dollar spent in it from these two funds, an aggregate of some proportion would be assembled for this fight.

It seems to the News that this is a highly meritorious measure. Just what are the methods of ridding a community of malaria, and just what is the likelihood of accomplishing that end, the News does not know. The presumption must be, however, that it is a fairly practicable project, and in that case it will be worth the expenditure and the effort, even though the chance of failure should be rather large. It would not be much exaggerative to say that there are some sections of Southeast Texas that are stricken by malaria. In every other respect they are favored by nature almost prodigally. That they are not among the most forward and prosperous sections of the state is due solely to the prevalence of a malady that deadens the spirit of enterprise and paralyzes the energies. Rid them of the blight of malaria and they will, before a great while, take rank with the most productive, prosperous and happy sections of Texas. If it can be done—and science professes the ability to do it—it is a work of statesmanship to direct that the effort be made. The expenditure would be an expense only in the event of failure, for if the effort should succeed, the expenditure will be an investment, and one of the most profitable that it lies within the power of the state to make.—Galveston News.

GET READY FOR

**The Nyal Line**

You will rejoice to know that we have now in transit a big shipment of the excellent NYAL REMEDIES and Toilet Articles.

Bring us your PRESCRIPTIONS. We have a skilled Pharmacist at the head of this department, and an extensive line of pharmaceuticals to draw from. We fill your prescriptions like they should be filled.

**Plenty of Carbon Bring your Container**

**The Peoples Drug Store**  
 "Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

**See Me**

We have plenty of Seed Oats and Bran, plenty of flour and cheaper than it can be bought at present and you can save money by seeing me. And don't forget I am headquarters for BOYS' Clothes and it is time to commence farming and we have plenty of all kind of plow tools and gear. I can fill your entire bill.

**Bring Me Your Chickens and Eggs.**

**T. S. Kent**  
 QUALITY IS THE THING

**Work is Progressing on the Bridge Near Riverside**

Work is moving along in first-class shape on the big bridge under course of construction over the Trinity river at Riverside. During the freeze the early part of this week very little work could be done, but more time has been lost on account of the lock and dam, a few miles further down the stream, being closed, which caused too much water, but the government finally consented to open the lock and work was resumed. The pier on the south side of the river is all installed and attention is now being directed to the north pier, which will be finished shortly, the two piers representing the main bulk of the work. With these completed the company can easily see its way clear to meet all requirements stipu-

lated in the contract of having the bridge ready for traffic by March 18, 1917. The south pier is more than twenty feet under the ground, 18 feet wide and 9 feet thick, which gives it almost an everlasting foundation. Rock was reached on the north pier at a depth not quite so great, which eliminated the necessity of going so deep.—Trinity Tribune.

**TRAYLOR BROS. SOLD OUT**

Traylor Bros. have sold their stock of goods to Traylor Bros. at New Waverly, and have retired from the mercantile business in Grapeland. However, it is not their intention to leave the city, for the present anyway. Messrs. J. R. Traylor and J. W. Keeland, representing Traylor Bros. of New Waverly, were here the first of the week packing the goods for shipment to New Waverly. Mr. Keeland was accompanied by his wife and baby.

**The Drugs You Buy**

- Should Cost You But a Fair Price
- Should be Dispensed Carefully
- Should be of Right Potency
- Should be Fresh
- Should be Pure

Everything in our store is as it should be. You can place the utmost confidence in the quality of our goods, the superiority of our service and the fairness of our prices.

Prescriptions Carefully  
 :- :: Compounded :- ::

**LEAVERTON'S**  
 THE LEADING DRUG STORE

**RED RIVER TO THE GULF HIGHWAY**

To start a movement that shall eventually result in hard surfacing this most important north and South trunk Highway that is so nearly completed across the state of Texas, was the incentive that induced the Secretary to attend the annual convention at Austin last week of the Texas Good Roads Association. Of course every delegate was expected to help boost the efforts being made to get a measure through the legislature creating a State Highway Commission, and considerable effective work in this direction was done. There seemed to be no opposition to a bill for this purpose, it was simply the matter of agreeing on some of the most important details. We are going to have such a commission and thereby get over four and a half million of the Federal dollars, that being the portion for Texas of the eighty-five million appropriated to assist the states in good road work for a period of five years.

A large wall map of the state showing the route of the Red River to the Gulf Highway prominently, with the national and international highways now building that could be induced to use our trunk line, was used with marked effect in presenting the subject and the delegates from Houston, Galveston and Beaumont were especially interested. It was shown that within the next three months the entire route from Paris to Houston would be graded, ditched and all the culverts and bridges, including the one now being constructed across the Trinity river at Riverside, completed and ready for the hard surface top dressing.

A number of the most prominent highway engineers of the state were present and addressed the convention, giving their experiences in road work in different counties where from half to one and a half million dollars have already been spent in building good roads, and in every instance the work done and contemplated was of a permanent character, being top dressed with stone, gravel, shell or some material of this character after the roadbed had been prepared the same as is being done with the Red River to the Gulf.

On the way home a stop was made at Houston and the officials of the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Business Association visited and the matter of hard surfacing the Highway was presented and so much interest was created that a joint meeting of these and other civic organizations of Houston is to be called within the next two weeks and the Secretary invited to be present and bring his map along. All agreed that the work was of the utmost importance and should command immediate and serious attention.

**COUNTY DEMONSTRATION AGENT**

Mr. Clarence Ousley, Director of Extension of the A. & M. College is much pleased to learn that we have placed Houston county in a position to receive the fullest measure of assistance from the State and Federal agricultural departments and promises to use his best efforts to furnish us a thoroughly competent agent with the least possible delay. A number of farmers have already made application for the services of the agent and there is no doubt but that he will find plenty of work

awaiting his arrival. It is now possible to secure the support of the A. & M. College in making Houston county a poultry center, same as has been done in other sections of the state. This is only one of the many good things in store for us now that we are in a position to receive them.

**FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION**

On account of not receiving the proper application blanks little was done at the meeting of the local association last Saturday, so the meeting was adjourned until Saturday of this week at two p. m.

H. A. Fisher.

**LETTER FROM ELLIS COUNTY**

Ennis, Texas, Jan. 15.  
Editor Messenger:

Will you accept a few lines from Ellis County, as I have a good many relatives and friends back there who might like to hear from me through the Messenger, which is a welcome guest in our home?

The health of our neighborhood is very good except bad colds.

I hear no complaint and the farmers are getting along fine turning the black soil. Some are through breaking their land, though we are all housed in by a three inch snow and it seems that everybody is enjoying it. Some are visiting. They say they are taking Christmas, but I don't want to take Christmas if I have to go out in the snow.

This is a fine black land country and we like it fine. We can raise most anything here that is raised there except syrup. They say chinch bugs get in the cane. But this is the place for corn and cotton, grain, hay and good stock.

We sure have good roads here in dry weather, but in wet weather we have the worst roads in the state. Then the men and all the teams get to rest.

Wishing the Messenger and its many readers prosperity throughout the coming year, and hoping that the strong arm above may guide everyone of us in the right path through our trials and troubles, I will close.

M. E. Dickey.

**INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE WORK**

All live teachers know the value of Interscholastic League Contests, as a means for preparation for citizenship and as a means of stimulating a wholesome school spirit on part of the pupils, parents and even teachers.

The Local Contests at school-house meetings to which all the people of the community are invited are beneficial. There is nothing finer for the betterment of your school and for securing the active co-operation of the school patrons. Selfish interests alone should lead a teacher to do something outside the regular class work in order to make a school more attractive to the pupils and incite an interest in himself and in his work on the part of the school community.

The University Interscholastic League is an organization for the promotion of the desirable school activities outside the regular class work. To this end it furnishes programs of school house meetings for promoting school and community spirit, and holds local, county, district and state contests in debate, declamation, spelling, essay-writing and ath-

letics. Any public or private school in the state, that is below Collegiate rank may become a member of the League by sending an annual membership fee of \$1.00 to Chairman E. D. Shurter, Austin, Texas. The League membership has more than doubled every year of its existence, reaching a total of 1296 schools last year with local organizations in 140 counties. In a number of the counties more than 15 schools were enrolled in the League.

If you have not sent in your membership fee, please do so at once and let your school be represented among the most progressive schools of our county and state in the Interscholastic League Contests.

G. E. Parker,  
Director-General.

**LETTER FROM ALBERT TYER**

Schleisinger, Wis., Jan. 20.  
Editor Messenger:

We are having cold weather here. Ice and snow everywhere and it has been so since Dec. 8. The ice on the ponds and creeks is 22 to 24 inches thick, clear as can be and getting thicker.

Everybody is driving around in bob-sleds, sleighs etc.—no wheeled vehicles out at all.

Today I had the pleasure of going through a cheese factory for the first time.

The farmers bring great cans of milk to the factory. The milk is weighed and paid for by weight. They are now getting \$2.20 per 100 lbs. To this factory they now bring about 500 gallons per day. All of it is put into a big tank that is four feet wide, two feet deep and twenty feet long, the tank being lined with zinc. That was one time I saw enough milk for one to literally "swim in." The milk was heated by steam to 90 degrees and then the "cheese maker" put in about one pint of some kind of fluid that looked about like thin syrup. In twenty or thirty minutes the milk had turned to clabber or curd. Then he took an instrument made for the purpose and combed it from one end of the tank to the other, then he went cross-wise. By this method he cut this clabber or curd into little squares about one half inch square. Of course there were tens of thousands of these little squares. After a while the solid part settled to the bottom. He pumped the whey off, moulded out the other and set it away to "ripen." Then after a long time it goes through another process and then put on the market. The factory price now is 23c per lb. for Limburger cheese and 17c per lb. for American cream cheese, but do not let anyone make you believe they make cheese out of cream only for such is not the case. It is the finishing touches that is put on that makes the difference.

This is quite a dairy country and each farmer milks from 10 to 60 cows and get from 30 to 200 gallons of milk per day, but they work all the time and keep from one to five men in the barn, feeding, cleaning and milking all the time.

They build barns in the side of a hill or knoll if they can. They build up 8 to 10 feet with stone or cement, making the walls 20 inches to two feet thick, then build the barns on these walls. They build barns from 30x50 feet to 60x200 feet in size and cost from \$1500 to \$10,000 fully equipped.

Long live the Messenger.  
H. A. Tyer.



**ON THE FIRST OF THE MONTH**

You'll have money to pay all your bills if you open an account at the FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK and deposit all your cash there regularly. You won't fritter away your money the same as you would if you had the cash in your pocket all the time. Lots of men have learned this lesson. Be wise—follow their example.

**Farmers & Merchants State Bank**  
A GUARANTY FUND BANK



**How to Find the Man You May Need**

If you needed the services either of the best doctor, the best lawyer, the most reliable banker, contractor or dentist, you certainly would not select some unknown man to look after your wants.

You want a man with a reputation for dependable work. The man who advertises his business or profession assumes a responsibility. The responsible man is always the most successful and the cheapest in the end.

To make sure of his identity look through our advertising columns and be safe in your selection.

**People Read This Newspaper**

That's why it would be profitable for you to advertise in it

- If you want a job
- If you want to hire somebody
- If you want to sell something
- If you want to buy something
- If you want to rent your house
- If you want to sell your house
- If you want to sell your farm
- If you want to buy property
- If there is anything that you want the quickest and best way to supply that want is by placing an advertisement in this paper

The results will surprise and please you

## Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

# THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

## Always at Your Service for Printing Needs!

Is there something you need in the following list?

- Birth Announcements
- Wedding Stationery
- Envelope Inclosures
- Sale Bills
- Hand Bills
- Price Lists
- Admission Tickets
- Business Cards
- Window Cards
- Time Cards
- Letter Heads
- Note Heads
- Bill Heads
- Calling Cards
- Envelopes
- Leaflets
- Statements
- Milk Tickets
- Meal Tickets
- Shipping Tags
- Announcements
- Briefs
- Notes
- Coupons
- Pamphlets
- Catalogues
- Circulars
- Posters
- Blotters
- Invitations
- Folders
- Checks
- Blanks
- Notices
- Labels
- Legal Blanks
- Menu Cards
- Picards
- Dollars
- Post Cards
- Programs
- Receipts

Prompt, careful and efficient attention given to every detail

## Don't Send Your Order Out of Town Until You See What We Can Do

## ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE

ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF

HOUSTON COUNTY

**ADAMS & YOUNG**

CROCKETT, TEXAS

## City Barber Shop

Denson & Walton, Props.

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

## LAUNDRY AGENCY

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

## John Spence

Lawyer

Crockett, : : : Texas  
Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

## JOT IT DOWN

That we do the very best line of Commercial Printing and at reasonable prices. Give us your next order and let us prove our assertion.

Bear in mind, we want your business, and we propose making ourselves deserving. Are you with us?

## THANK YOU

## ADVERTISING

Advertising is the education of the public as to who you are, where you are, and what you have to offer in the way of skill, talent or commodity. The only man who should not advertise is the man who has nothing to offer the world in the way of commodity or service.—Elbert Hubbard.

## Anything to Sell, Buy or Exchange? ADVERTISE

## YOUR PRINTING

Is A Valuable Asset of Your Business

We Help Our Customers to Success With Presentable, Profitable

## PUBLICITY

## RIGHT TO SOIL OF BRITAIN

Initiative of Duke of Sutherland May Be Followed by Other Large Landowners.

The titles of the British nobility to their great landed estates rest largely upon military service performed by their ancestors. Such a title always has been good in England, and will be better now than one of the greatest land-owning nobles in the kingdom has attested his belief that British soldiers now fighting for their country are winning an equal claim to a share of the land, the Kansas City Star observes.

The duke of Sutherland owns 1,358,600 acres of the soil of England. Personally he did not win any of it by the sword, but his ancestors helped their sovereigns subdue Scotland and his house has not wanted for elbow room since. The duke has now conveyed back to the government the absolute title of 12,000 acres of this land and has stipulated that it shall be cut up into small farms and bestowed upon British soldiers and sailors after the war. The duke evidently takes the view that their right to it is just as good as was that of his ancestors, who won it by the same means.

Here is perhaps a solution of the land problem in England. Back in the days of the Henrys and the Edwards a man who stood near to the king and was brisk with the sword could easily win for himself a good landed estate. Having won it, he hastened to fence it in and put up signs warning less fortunate persons off. The result is that England is pretty well fenced in today—and Englishmen pretty well fenced out. But after the war, when a couple of million Englishmen come home, having performed exactly the same service that the ancestors of the owners of the fenced-in land performed, why should there not be the same recognition of such service? Indeed, when Mr. Tennant, secretary for Scotland, announced the duke's purpose in the house of commons a member asked the right honorable gentleman if he could get other landlords to follow the duke's example. To which Mr. Tennant replied that he then and there extended a hearty invitation to other landlords to do likewise. (Hear, hear.)

### Where All Places Meet.

The giant log hotel at Glacier Park, has Indian teepees, Alaskan totem poles, Japanese lanterns, Turkish baths, and an Alpine-clad set of waitresses. A solitary Jap with a ramshackle rickshaw meets the trains. The hotel is like the railway, for it is as international as the meat sauce I had in Spokane, which is called International because, with a spoonful of that on the tongue of a man, no one nation can hold him. Without leaving the train one can go to Inverness or Ayr, Carlisle or Riga. Devil's Lake is near Church's Ferry, and from Karlsruhe to Genoa is only 19 miles. Calais and Glasgow, Madras and Zurich are all possible in a few hours, and a stop at Havre (pronounced Have'er) is made on the way to Bombay. Bremen and Hamburg are vis-a-vis, but it seems discordant soon after to slide into Norfolk. Concentration is the keynote all along the line. A single day at Glacier is the experience of a lifetime.—The Christian Herald.

### What Monarchs Like to Eat.

Good old roast beef is the most favorite dish of the queen of Holland. She is also partial to mutton. The czar of Russia has a great fondness for all kinds of fish, especially codfish, seasoned with oil, pepper and garlic. He once remarked to a late president of France that he could "eat codlings twice a day."

The kings of Italy and Spain both have weaknesses for sweets, such as whipped cream, chocolate and tarts. King Victor Emmanuel is also fond of the Italian national dish, called polenta. This is a kind of meal porridge. The late pope considered polenta to be his favorite dish. He was an exceedingly plain eater. The remarkably aged emperor of Austria has a craving for the peculiar dish of calves' tongues in red wine. The German emperor is exceptionally susceptible to the temptation of well-buttered toast.

### Mango Introduced into Florida.

Forty-five selected grafts of mango plants have been shipped from Madras, India, to an American horticulturist who, it is understood, will transplant the trees in Florida. It is believed that the importer intends to graft the Indian mangoes on Florida stock or else develop a special plantation of East Indian mangoes in Florida. The experiment is regarded with interest, as mangoes produced in India have a high reputation for excellence.

### The Reason.

"Jags is continually getting tipsy, but I believe he has a screw loose." "Then do you blame him for getting tight?"



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## DEFY ARID WASTES

### WONDERFUL WORK OF RUSSIANS IN CENTRAL ASIA.

All the Military Power of the Czar Would Have Been of No Avail but for the Patient Labor of the Colonists.

How Russian colonists have struggled and conquered in Russian Central Asia is revealed by Stephen Graham, who has recently made a tramping tour through that comparatively unknown section of the earth.

After crossing the Caspian sea from Baku to Krasnovodsk Mr. Graham took the desert railway, on which the trains average a speed of only 17 miles an hour over the indifferent sleepers. The western mind might find this railway inexplicable. Why a desert line while many of the railways at home are undeveloped, and strategic railways are unbuilt? The answer is the results in colonization and trade.

As Mr. Graham looks out of the window during his journey a delightful phrase occurs to him about a distant string of camels moving across the sand parallel to the line. He describes them as looking like "a scrap of eastern handwriting between earth and heaven." Anyone who has seen a string of camels on a vague horizon will recognize the aptness of the simile.

Only irrigation is needed to make this and other Central Asia deserts blossom like the rose, and the Russians have already done splendid work in this respect.

Mr. Graham, in his book, "Through Russian Central Asia," describes how the typical Russian family become colonists. A messenger is sent in advance to choose a site, and then the family proceeds to the appointed place.

"First of all, trees are planted," says Mr. Graham. "How pathetic to see the long rows of three-foot-high poplar shoots and willow twigs! A month on this sun-beaten road leaves no doubt in the emigrant's mind as to what is the first necessity—shade, shade. Trees are planted all along the main government dike.

"The colonist chooses the place for his house; he digs a trench all around it and lets in water from the dike, and he plants trees along the trench. Then he buys stout poplar trunks and willow trunks, and makes the framework of his cottage. He interlaces little willow twigs and makes the sort of wilted green, slightly shady, slightly sunny house that children might put up in a wood in England.

"His roof he makes of prairie grass, great reeds 10 to 15 feet in length and thick and strong, or of willow twigs again and turf. In his second year he has a little hay harvest on his roof. He plows his little bit of desert. He exchanges some of his oxen for cows. He strives with all his power—as does a transplanted flower—to take root.

"He looks forlorn. You look at his poor estate and say: 'It is a poor experiment. The sun is too strong for

him, he will just wither off, and the desert will be as before.'

"But you come another day and you see a change, and exclaim: 'He has taken root after all; there is a shoot of young life there, tender and green.'

All Russian Central Asia, says Mr. Graham, has been won almost without fighting. Military processions were generally all that was necessary. Bokhara and Khiva came under Russian protection, the railway was built, and Russia became the most important Moslem power in Central Asia. But had it not been for the patient colonists who put together their wattle and mud houses in the wake of the army, the settlement could never have been a reality.

### Why the Cord of Wood Shrinks.

Ralph Faulkner and Henry Sternberg, students in the College of Forestry at the University of Washington, have proved by experiment that a cord of full-length wood when sawed and repiled in the ordinary stack shrinks on an average 24.76 per cent. As dealers buy wood in full lengths and usually measure it for delivery before sawing it, they are often accused of giving short measure.

A "cord" is the standard measurement of wood, and it is defined as 128 cubic feet of wood, measured by a pile four feet high and eight feet wide of logs four feet long.

The discrepancy between the cord as bought by the dealer and as delivered to the customer, according to Prof. Hugo Winkenwerder, dean of the college, is not entirely explained by the sawdust. When wood is piled up in four-foot lengths there are many spaces between sticks, caused by knots and curvatures. These spaces are eliminated when the wood is cut up small.

### Improvement on X-Ray.

The X-ray has become indispensable to the modern surgeon and improvements are being made upon it. A recent one is a device which, after revealing the location of an injury or disease spot, enables the surgeon to keep it in sight as he operates. A framework going around the surgeon's head is fitted with a fluoroscope—an instrument by means of which objects revealed by the X-rays are made visible to the human eye. The patient is placed on a special operating table with the X-ray turned on, and the surgeon can work easily, since he sees what is before him continually instead of having to work gropingly from the remembrance of what was revealed in the X-ray photograph.

### Roads in Wisconsin.

The good roads movement in Wisconsin is organizing in a way that seems certain to produce early substantial results.

### Autos Pay Best.

An automobile load going through the village spends more money there than a dozen train loads passing the depot. Good roads pay.

### Heavy Pork Not Wanted.

Heavy pork is not wanted in the market as in years gone by.

## WORK DONE BY THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

THE SUBMISSION QUESTION HAS THE ATTENTION OF THE SOLONS THIS WEEK.

### MANY BILLS AWAIT TURN

There Are Numerous Bills Now Before Both Houses of Legislature to Be Acted Upon, and This Week Promises to Be a Busy One.

Austin, Tex.—Neither house of the thirty-fifth legislature was in session Saturday, both bodies having adjourned until Monday. Committees were at work in both branches, however, working on bills for presentation to the house.

The close of the week showed little apparently accomplished, although both houses have been completely organized and this week there will be hundreds of measures reported from committees to be passed upon. The committee on suffrage reported favorably the suffrage measure to the entire committee on constitutional amendments recently, and this has been adopted by that committee.

Many committees worked throughout the morning and afternoon Saturday. They met in every available portion of the house of representatives. Many measures of more than passing importance were set for hearings at different times this week.

Senate committee on state affairs Saturday reported favorably a bill by Senator McNealus providing for the creation of a board of examiners for architects. There was opposition to the board being appointed by the governor, and it has decided to amend the bill on the floor of the senate so as to place the power of naming the board with some other state official.

The committee also reported favorably the bill by Senator Johnston fixing March 2 as Sam Houston memorial day and authorizing the governor to issue his proclamation on such memorial days. The bill also contemplates the erection of a monument to Sam Houston at Houston.

Senate committee on judicial districts reported favorably house bill by Smith of Scurry, changing the time of holding court in the thirty-second, thirty-ninth and seventieth judicial districts and also rearranging the boundaries. Under the proposed change Scurry County is taken out of the thirty-ninth and placed in the thirty-second, and Glasscock County is taken out of the thirty-second and placed in the seventieth district.

Austin, Tex.—It was practically settled Friday that submission will not be reached for several days. Numerous absences in both bodies is responsible for the delay. Not only that, but members are awaiting the arrival of the printed copies of the submission resolution with interest. The pros want to study its phraseology to see if there is a "joker" in it, as has been charged by some. The fact that the prohibition, in effect, is against the manufacture of liquor "for" barter, sale, etc., instead of against the "manufacture and sale" is viewed with suspicion by some of the pros. Under the former, it has been charged, anybody could make liquor as long as they did not sell it.

Representative George B. Terrell said that he expects to be able to set the submission resolution next Wednesday or Thursday, and that in the meantime all members will be summoned by telegraph and leaves canceled so as to have a full vote on the proposition.

#### Friday's Senate Proceedings.

The Dayton redistricting bill for congressional districts was favorably reported.

Passed finally, bill making an appropriation of \$152,000 to be spent at the State Blind School.

Considerable time was spent in eulogizing Ellis Monroe, head negro porter in the senate for the past thirty years.

The report of the committee on mining and irrigation making a favorable report on the Texas Company bill was adopted and was set for consideration on January 29.

Senator Caldwell of Travis county obtained the adoption by a vote of 14 to 11 of a resolution that the democratic platform adopted at the state democratic convention be printed in the journal.

The committee of civil jurisprudence reported favorably the Dean bill prohibiting county commissioners courts from issuing anticipation warrants against certain funds in excess of estimated receipts.

#### Friday's House Proceedings.

The house adjourned until Monday out of respect to the memory of General Robert E. Lee.

The committee on suffrage and elections favorably reported the Holland bill prohibiting and defining "mooching."

#### Home for Newspaper Men.

Houston, Tex.—A home for superannuated newspaper men, located near the gulf coast in South Texas, in fine hunting and fishing grounds, may be established within the near future, according to Hamp Cook, secretary of the Texas Editorial Association. Mr. Cook announced this week that since the recent meeting of the association in Galveston he had been informed of a tract of land on which there is a suitable house which can be purchased for a reasonable sum.

The Miller bill, increasing salaries for certain county officials, was favorably reported, as well the bill amending the anti-pass law to allow fire marshals to ride on passes.

An agreement between submission leaders on the submission resolution and those opposed to it was reached setting Thursday, January 25, at 10 o'clock in the morning as the time for the consideration.

#### Thursday's Senate Proceedings.

Adopted a resolution on the death of Admiral Dewey.

Passed finally the bill by Senator Johnston making an appropriation of \$50,000 for a new dormitory at Prairie View normal.

A bill was introduced by Senator Strickland making an emergency appropriation of \$25,000 for the state health department.

Passed finally a bill by Senator Decherd making an appropriation of \$133,150 to build a new dormitory and power plant at Agricultural and Mechanical College.

On motion of Senator McNealus the senate fixed January 29 for the consideration of his bill placing pipe lines under the control of the state railroad commission.

A joint resolution was introduced proposing an amendment to the constitution to exempt county and city bonds and other securities from taxation when the interest is not over 6 per cent.

Adopted a concurrent resolution requesting the Texas delegation in congress to vote for any measure for the abridgement of the right of the interstate commerce commission to further encroach upon the rights of a state commission.

Senator Dean obtained the final passage in the senate of his bill making an appropriation of \$15,000 for each of the four white state normal schools. An amendment was adopted increasing the amount to \$20,000 for the normal at Denton.

#### Thursday's House Proceedings.

The bill closing pool rooms at 10:30 p. m. was favorably reported out of committee.

The state highway commission bill was referred to a subcommittee to be redrafted to eliminate objectionable features.

House committees spent a busy morning considering bills and reported a number of them back to the house, most of them favorably.

Boner's congressional redistricting bill was favorably reported, as was the "Waters-Pierce" bill, which would allow foreign corporations to return to the state under certain circumstances.

#### Bills Read in House.

Austin, Tex.—The following new general bills were introduced in the house Wednesday:

By Mr. Robertson: Extending the right of eminent domain of water, electric companies, etc., in condemning private property for laying wires, mains, etc.

By Mr. Boner: Authorizing county school trustees to create common line school districts.

By Mr. Boner: Providing that orders for special venires shall not be issued unless the state insists upon the death penalty.

By Mr. Cope: Placing oil pipe lines under the regulation of the railroad commission and declaring them to be common carriers.

By Mr. Jones: Validating certificates of indebtedness issued by commissioners of improvement districts for levee repairs in 1915.

By Mr. Beason: Authorizing the formation of private corporations for building and operating dry docks and marine ways and for the repairing and constructing of vessels.

By Mr. Carlock: Requiring the giving of additional supersedeas bonds in supreme court appeals, where such bond has become insufficient by death or insolvency of sureties or otherwise.

By Mr. Carlock: Releasing estates from attorneys' fees in insolvent suits in probate court where principal assets of such estate consist of incumbered real estate, which is sold subject to outstanding incumbrances.

By Mr. Carlock: Authorizing special assessors and collectors of levee districts to assess and collect levee taxes of that district.

#### Bills Introduced in Senate.

Austin, Tex.—New bills introduced in the senate Wednesday were as follows:

By Senator Johnson of Hall: Requiring publication in some newspaper of general circulation of all notices now required by law.

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By Senator Caldwell: Providing for return of pension warrants where pensioner dies during quarter for which warrant is issued.

By Senator Hall (by request): To permit S. S. Terry of Brazoria county to file suit against state for alleged breach of contract entered into with board of prison commissioners.

By Senator Decherd: To incorporate Hearne independent school district finally passed.

By Senator Clark: Conferring power on railroad commission to require separation of grades between railroads, railroads and interurban lines, and between interurban lines.

By Senator Lattimore: Amendment declaring that act of district judge in approving fee bills of all kinds is not a judicial act, but a ministerial act, and bills are therefore subject to auditing and revision by controller.

Mrs. Sam Howard Jr. and children returned Sunday from Houston where they have been visiting relatives.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of Bright's Disease. The proper course in such cases is to take a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and bowel regulator. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Harry Long has disposed of his interest in the Cash Grocery Co. to his partner, N. J. Davis, and will return to his old home at Augusta to engage in farming.